

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On Page 1, please amend the following paragraph to read:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application PCT/US04/036143, filed October 29, 2004, which claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. provisional application number 60/516,107, filed October 31, 2003 entitled, "Methods for Purifying Hematopoietic Stem Cells," by Richard Mulligan and Alejandro Balazs. The teachings of the referenced application are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety. International Application PCT/US04/036143 was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English.

➤ Please insert the Abstract, appearing on a separate page herewith, immediately after the last page of the claims.